



# THE SEQUOIA



EUREKA SEQUOIA GARDEN CLUB MONTHLY NEWS

A CGCI & NGCI AWARD-WINNING NEWSLETTER



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: KAREN BURGESSER

ESGC is pleased to present Ryan Archambault, owner of Arcata's new business, Humboldt Cactus Company at the October General Meeting. Ryan's store features many varieties of cacti as well as clay and ceramic pots made by both himself and other local artists. Ryan reports " I am from Los Angeles. I went to school at The California Institute of the Arts, where I graduated with a Bachelor's in Fine Art, but am completely self-taught in botany. The store is still very new! I opened in May of 2022. Here is a photo of me and my 5-month-old daughter. I hope she learns to appreciate plants the way I did. I used to garden with my



mom as a kid, which is where my appreciation for cacti began." *Due to current Covid outbreak and members health concerns please wear a mask to this indoors event. And as is always a good suggestion, please refrain from attending should you suspect you have, or have been*

*exposed to, an infection. We can't wait to see you next time.*

### HORTICULTURE REPORT: GEORGINA PACE AUTUMN POLLINATOR GARDEN

As summer fades into autumn, adding certain plants to your perennial garden will attract pollinators through fall. Here are some suggestions from A to Z.

**Asters**, a favorite of bees and butterflies, bring vibrant color and texture to the garden.

Plants adjust well and thrive in Humboldt's weather.

**Bee Balm** can be found in tall and short varieties of magenta and purple. You will be pleased to see and hear the endless rotation of hummingbirds and bees enjoying the nectar and pollen.

**Gaillardia** are unscented beauties that produce sunset-colored flowers into Humboldt's cooler fall months. These low

maintenance plants lure butterflies and bees to the garden with nectar and pollen, while beetles and beneficial insects use it for food and shelter.

**Lantana** is a must-have for creating a pollinator haven. These plants attract butterflies, bees and hummingbirds with nectar, pollen, bright color and 'landing pad' flowers!

**Pansies** planted this month will provide purple-faced blooms throughout fall until the first hard frost. In early spring they will poke through the soil to provide nourishment to bees after



completing their hibernation.

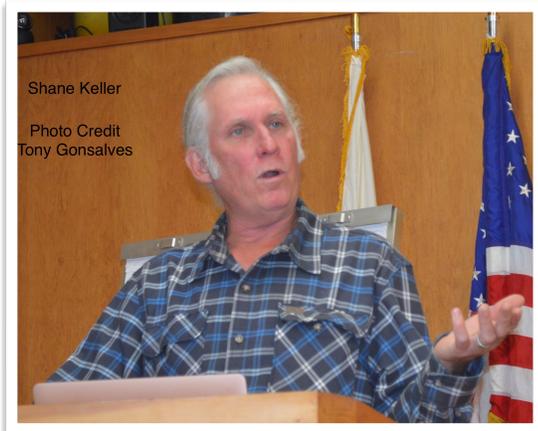
**Zinnias** are fabulous for pollinators and will attract a plentiful supply of bees through fall. Bees, butterflies and hummingbirds will buzz, flutter and hum about your garden when you plant a cluster of two or three (or more) of any one of these plants in a sunny open space.

### ESGC MEMBERS ATTEND HUMBOLDT DISTRICT GENERAL MEETING

Thank you ESGC for participating in the Humboldt District General meeting hosted by Southern Humboldt Garden Club. All the clubs were represented and we had a grand time with programs, plant sale, drawing and lunch.

It was a warm, welcoming and educational afternoon with lots of smiles and good fun for all. My favorite part was hearing about all the activities and accomplishments of each club. Congratulations Eureka Sequoia Garden Club for all the many things members have accomplished. You all should be very proud, indeed. Keep it up. **Maria Krenek-Humboldt District Director**

**ESGC SEPTEMBER MEETING REPORT-  
PERMACULTURE**



Shane Keller, our guest speaker at the ESGC September meeting, spoke to us about permaculture and the exciting projects he and his wife Linda Peterson are creating at their Prairie’s Edge Permaculture Educational Farm. The practice of permaculture is a permanent sustainable approach to gardening that cares for the earth, animals, people and the environment. It is a self-regulating system that preserves the common good.

Shane and Linda learned how to use the concepts of permaculture while developing an amazing garden at a rental they owned in Sunny Brae. A few years ago, they were able take this to another level when they purchased a 40-acre piece of land near Blue Lake which they call Prairie’s Edge. Here they are utilizing the concepts of permaculture as it relates to land management and gardening.

At Prairie’s Edge they grow veggies and garlic, raise chickens, have a heard of alpaca, spin and weave the wool, and raise sweet-natured guard dogs. They catch, store and utilize rainwater, and they also offer farm shares and workshops. Coming soon is a workshop on how to turn nettles into a very strong fiber which can be spun and woven.

This was a very interesting presentation of an approach that works with, rather than against, nature. If you want to know more about permaculture here is a great YouTube link: [\(126\) Transforming the Urban Dream: David Holmgren - YouTube](#) Thank you Shane and Linda for bringing this interesting information to us. Marcy Foster

**INSPIRATION**

*Please think of your garden as a feeding station and safe haven for bees, birds, butterflies, and beneficial insects with flowers, seed heads, water and shelter.*  
**GP**



**HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!**

Sandy Bates-01, Wendy Robertson-07, Vickie Aust-08, Margaret Zlatkoff-09, Karen Burgesser-12.

**THE CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER**

- 10/02 Humboldt Botanical Garden-Low Notes
- 10/16 HBG- North Coast Brass Ensemble
- 10/16-19 CGCI Fall Board Meeting-Sacramento
- 10/21 ESGC-General meeting

**NATIONAL, REGION, STATE,  
& DISTRICT OFFICERS**

*National Garden Club, Inc. President, Mary Warshauer;  
Pacific Region Garden Clubs Director, Lana Finegold;  
CA Garden Clubs, Inc. President, Lynne Batchelor;  
Humboldt District Director, Maria Krenek*

**2021-2023 ESGC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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Vice President-Shirley Lipa Treasurer-Janet Biasca  
Director-Janice Beach Director-Linda West  
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